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FOR AMBASSADOR

YOU SHOULD EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO MOBUTU FOR HIS OFFER TO
CONVEY MESSAGE TO AMIN AND TO PLAY FRIENDLY ROLE BETWEEN
TWO COUNTRIES. DRAWING ON REFTELS B AND C, YOU SHOULD
INFORM HIM OF INDICATIONS WE HAVE GIVEN DIRECTLY TO UGANDAN
GOVT OF OUR DESIRE FOR GOOD RELATIONS AND OF SUGGESTIONS WE
HAVE OFFERED AS TO HOW THIS MIGHT BE ACCOMPLISHED IF UGANDA

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RECIPROCATES THAT DESIRE. YOU MAY TELL MOBUTU THAT WE

WOULD BE PLEASED TO HAVE HIM REITERATE AT APPROPRIATE MOMENT TO AMIN OUR SINCERE WISH FOR NORMAL RELATIONS, AS ALREADY INDICATED IN DEPT APPROACH TO UGANDAN CHARGE HERE AND IN EMBASSY DISCUSSIONS WITH FONMIN OFFICIALS IN KAMPALA, BUT THAT WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT NECESSARY OR LIKELY TO BE PRO-DUCTIVE FOR HIM TO MAKE STOPOVER IN UGANDA FOR THAT PURPOSE ALONE.

2. YOU SHOULD ALSO MAKE CLEAR THAT WITHDRAWAL OF EARLIER PEACE CORPS PROGRAM AND AID PROGRAM WERE NOT POLITICAL ACTS BUT WERE RESULT OF GENERAL INSECURITY IN COUNTRY AND INCREASING INABILITY TO OPERATE PROGRAMS UNDER AMIN REGIME. WHILE WE DESIRE IMPROVED UNDERSTANDING WITH UGANDA WE CAN MAKE NO COMMITMENTS, IN VIEW OF PAST EXPERIENCE, REGARDING ANY RESUMPTION THESE PROGRAMS. RUSH

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